

Searching for Colleges

Searching for colleges can seem daunting—where to begin? How to search? Here is a list of common search sites. Many of these are sites that serve many purposes, college searching is just one of those purposes. When you first log onto them, you may need to look at the site closely to see how to search. Feel free to play around a little bit and see what you find. Change your criteria and see how your choices change.

Tips:

- * Most of these sites will ask you to choose criteria with which to search. Start thinking about the things you would want in a school (big vs. small; private vs. public; geographic location; cost; etc)
- * If your initial search yields few results, change your criteria to make the search broader and go from there.
- * If you are ever asked a fee for the search, STOP! The sites I have given you offer the searches for free. Other sites may try to charge you, but do not pay. There are more sites, in addition to these, that will allow you to search for free.

CIS (requires username & password)	http://oregoncis.uoregon.edu
Username—daytonhigh	
Password—pirates05	
Peterson's Education Center	www.petersons.com
College Board	www.collegeboard.com
ACT	www.act.org
The Princeton Review	www.princetonreview.com
Number 2 (Test Prep site)	www.number2.com
The Kaplan Company	www.kaptest.com
College Net	www.collegenet.com
College View	www.collegeview.com
Colleges of Distinction*	www.collegesofdistinction.com
Colleges that Change Lives*	www.ctcl.com
Schools that do NOT require tests	www.fairtest.org
College Confidential	www.collegeconfidential.com

*Sites that focus on private, liberal-arts colleges that emphasize undergraduate education

Searching for Specific Kinds of Colleges

Oregon University System	www.ous.edu
University of California	www.ucop.edu/pathways
California State University's CSU Mentor	www.csumentor.edu
The Washington Council	www.washingtoncouncil.org

Western Undergraduate Exchange

www.wiche.edu

Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities

www.aiccu.edu

Association for Universities and Colleges of Canada

www.aucc.ca

Council for Christian Colleges and Universities

www.cccu.org

National Catholic College Admissions Association

www.catholiccollegesonline.org

Searching by Aspects of Campus Life

Information on Fraternities and Sororities

www.greekpages.com

Information for those interested in college athletics

www.ncaa.org

www.naia.org